



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	SB0077	<b>Title:</b>	Revise laws related to board of medical examiners
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Barrett, Debby	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$9,354	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** The fiscal impact of this legislation is the associated cost for the Board of Medical Examiners to update rules for the practice of telemedicine, repeal rules for a specialized telemedicine license and temporary physician license, and write rules for a resident physician license. The board may also see a slight change in income due to the requirement that physicians who are currently licensed with a specialized telemedicine license will now apply for a regular physician license. The board will also incur some expense in setting up a new resident physician license type.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. The Board of Medical Examiners will implement rules to carry out this legislation. It is estimated there will be a 20 page rule notice and three page adoption notice filed and published by the Secretary of State. There will be a rule hearing for public comment that will be at least two hours in length and will have a Hearing Officer presiding and a Court Reporter recording and providing a transcript of public comments. The board will mail out information regarding any rule changes to interested parties (164) notifying them by postcard of the rule notice, and directing them to the board's website to view the notice. It is estimated the board will

utilize an additional 80 hours of legal time to assist in preparing the notice, reviewing and responding to the comments, and assisting the board in preparing the adoption notice.

2. The total estimated expenses for rule changes is \$9,354 which includes \$1,150 to the Secretary of State for filing and publication; \$440 for the rule hearing; \$164 for printing and mailing of postcards to interested parties; and \$7,600 in legal fees.
3. There are approximately 300 physicians who are licensed to practice in Montana with a specialized telemedicine license. Of this group, it is assumed 100 physicians will choose to obtain a physician's license in Montana. The current fee difference between a physician license renewal and a specialized telemedicine license renewal is \$100. The estimated increase in revenue to the board is \$10,000.
4. It is assumed the board will require physicians with a specialized telemedicine license to renew with a physician license on or before the renewal deadline in FY 2016. As such, an increase to revenue has only been assumed for FY 2016. Affected individuals would renew in future years as physicians at the rate set for a physician's renewal.
5. There will be charges to the board for changes in the database for set up and tracking of a new license type for a Resident Physician. These costs will be minimal and can be covered by the board's present spending authority.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$9,354	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u>\$9,354</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$9,354	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<u>\$9,354</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$646	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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